

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please replace the last paragraph on page 8 with the following paragraph:

CI -- In still another embodiment the pharmacologically effective dose of curcumin is optionally administered orally along with an antioxidant preparation. - -

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please cancel claim 1.

Please amend the following claims:

CI 14. (Amended) A method for controlling neutrophil infiltration during inflammatory conditions caused by septic shock by administering to a subject in need thereof a pharmacologically effective dose of curcumin.

**Remarks**

The Final Office Action of June 4, 2002 has been carefully considered and reconsideration of the application as amended is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-17 are pending in the application. Claims 1 and 9-13 were rejected. Claims 2-8 and 14-17 were allegedly withdrawn from consideration.

Applicants disagree with the Examiner's statement that claims 2-8 and 14-17 of the present invention are directed to a non-elected invention. In response to the previous Official Action, Applicants amended the preamble of claim 2 to incorporate the